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- Ask the FCE citabether crain eligibility system that promotes full access to network programming. When consumers cannot consistently receive a quality picture from their local network stations, they should be eligible for satellite delivered network programming.
- Urge the FCC to promote competition in the communications marketplace. When consumers receive poor quality pictures from their local network stations, cable television shouldn't be their only recourse. Individuals with poor quality reception should be able to watch their favorite network television shows on satellite, and not be forced to rely on cable.
- Finally, urge the FCC to oppose the television networks' proposal to determine subscriber eligibility. Under the networks' proposal, subscribers would not be eligible for satellite service even in those areas where only half the homes are predicted to get a signal from the local station supposedly sufficient to produce acceptable reception. This is unfair and leaves too many people with poor reception without access to satellite network service.

We need your help <u>immediately</u>. The FCC will be drafting this rule in the upcoming weeks. Please send your correspondence via regular mail, fax or e-mail directly to the Commissioners at the FCC:

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Your comments at this stage are critical.

Thanks for your help on this matter. We appreciate your continued support of PrimeTime 24.

Sincerely,

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P.S.—Please provide us with a copy of the letter you send to the FCC. PrimeTime 24's address is 153 East 53rd Street, NY, NY 10022. Our fax number is 212-644-6450.

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IMPORTANT SUBSCRIBER ALERT!

--THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR SATELLITE NETWORK TELEVISION SERVICE--

WE NEED YOU TO CONTACT THE FCC TODAY!

Dear Subscriber:

We Need Your Help!

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking which could affect your ability to watch satellite delivered network programming. The notice concerns the eligibility standards for consumers who wish to receive satellite delivered network television. We need your help to ensure that any rule the FCC issues is written in a consumer friendly manner and reflects your concerns about the existing law.

Here's The Issue

As you may know, a federal court has determined preliminarily that many of our current subscribers are likely <u>ineligible</u> to receive satellite delivery of network television. The court has said that after February 28, 1999, satellite television viewers in certain areas may obtain CBS and FOX network programming <u>only</u> from their local network stations. This is true even if they do not receive an acceptable over-the-air picture from those stations.

In response to this court decision, and because of the negative impact that terminating satellite network service would have on huge numbers of PrimeTime 24 subscribers, the FCC is considering issuing a new rule governing eligibility for satellite network television. The new rule could help preserve your service. But the FCC needs your input to fully understand the problem!

Within the next few weeks, the FCC will be hearing from consumers across the country about the factors which affect individual households' ability to view their local television stations. The Agency may consider those factors when it decides how eligibility for satellite network service should be determined.

What You Can Do To Influence This Process

• Write the FCC today and let them know if you cannot receive an acceptable picture from your local network stations. If you know the reason why, please be specific and mention whether the interference is due to topography (mountains, hills, valleys, etc.), electrical wires, buildings, trees or other obstructions.

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